

## Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Ford Foundation Fellowship

Updated: 11-18-2022

Section	Brief description	More information
<b>1. Award</b>	The Foundation awards ~75 predoctoral fellowships each year for three years of funded study (stipend of \$27,000 pa) toward a PhD or ScD. and show promise of achievement in a career of teaching and research at the University level as well as a profound commitment to diversity.	<a href="http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/ford/fellowships/index.htm">http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/ford/fellowships/index.htm</a> <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>
<b>2. Eligibility</b>	This fellowship is open to US citizens, nationals, and permanent residents including DACA recipients, political asylees and refugees. Must be enrolled in or planning to enroll in graduate studies in approved US non-profit institution of higher education. <a href="#">Eligible fields are defined</a> , and extend from humanities to social sciences to STEM.	<a href="#">Eligibility</a> Current graduate students must have at least 3 yrs. of study left to complete their degrees. <a href="#">How to Apply</a>
<b>3. Timing</b>	Applications are due in December. However it is beneficial to submit materials before this. Juniors in their spring semester and Seniors in their fall semester should consider applying in tandem to graduate programs.	<a href="#">Deadlines</a>
<b>4. Selection Criteria</b>	Awards made to individuals who “have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Membership of a group underrepresented in the American professoriate will be one among other positive factors in selection.	<a href="#">Factors for Selection</a> <a href="#">Recent competition results</a>  More than 1600 individuals apply for ~75 awards each year.
<b>5. Smith Role</b>	This application requires no Smith College nomination or endorsement.	
<b>6. Fun fact(s)</b>	The goal of this Fellowship program is to increase diversity in academia. The selectors include the following as positive factors when making their selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to respond productively to the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds</li> <li>• Sustained personal engagement with underrepresented communities and an ability to bring this asset to learning, teaching, and scholarship at the college and university level</li> <li>• Likelihood of using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in teaching and scholarship</li> </ul>	
<b>7. How to get started</b>	This Fellowship provides funding for the individual’s specific graduate school. This application is completed concurrently with graduate school admission applications.	Fellowships Program staff is happy to work with you as you prepare your application. Email <a href="mailto:fellowships@smith.edu">fellowships@smith.edu</a> to start a conversation about your application.